
34th Annual ACT Conference
October 20 & 21, 2017
Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA



Conference Theme – Constructing Ideas in the Natural World

Thank you to our California Planning Team: Tom Chiaromonte, Cris Lozon, Seun Chun-Burbank and Elizabeth Echternach!!

Submit your Proposal for ACT 2017!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Gvybl1mpmywPzmmhZKjLiA6kPjK6lAsAM-K9ZrvV69sKopA/viewform>

From the President

Dear ACT Folks,

Welcome to the monthly newsletter! We hope you are having a wonderful summer! Meir, Cris and Tom included Italy in their summers! Add Ann Arbor, MI and Cambridge, MA to yours!

Two great pieces of news – 1. ACT is a sponsor of the Wonder of Learning- Hundred Languages of Children, June 16 – August 26. See **Events** below.

2. The launch of the new and improved ACT website is imminent! Look forward to the announcement!

Thanks to all who have submitted a Proposal for ACT 2017! There is still time to get yours in; I am working on mine!

Start making your plans to attend ACT 2017 in Fullerton, California! Tom, Seon, Cris and Elizabeth are planning a great conference!

It is so nice to hear from you! Carolyn Black, President

Upcoming Events

Wonder of Learning-Hundred Languages of Children June 16 – August 26

As part of the University of Michigan Bicentennial, in Ann Arbor, MI

The traveling exhibition was created in Reggio Emilia, Italy, world-renowned for its early childhood education. wonderoflearning.umich.edu

2017 Critical Explorers Summer Workshop for Teachers August 14-16

With Eleanor Duckworth **at the Harvard Graduate School of Education,**

Cambridge, MA

workshop@criticalexplorers.org

ACT and Board Member News

Cris Lozon

Director of St. Margaret's Early Childhood Development Center of San Juan Capistrano, California will attend the Fourth Annual Reggio Emilia International Summer School at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre in Italy with her team, including Assistant Director Tammy Pipitone, Teachers Lore Fredette, Debbie Herrera, and Isabela Valle, Art Teacher Lillian Saucedo-Whitney, and Motor Development Specialist Shelley Harmon. Reggio schools focus on the learning environment, calling it the "third teacher," explains Dr. Lozon.

"Designing the learning environment appropriately invites children to explore and inquire. Teachers heavily rely on documentation of words, ideas, art and play." Through a grant, the teachers will create a new Outdoor Classroom curriculum emphasizing literacy, mathematics, art, physical development and service.

SeongBock Hong

University of Michigan Dearborn Professor of Education and Director of Early Childhood Education Center and Jennie McAlpine, UM Director of Work-

Life Programs are leading a large team of colleagues to bring deep and meaningful experiences to families and educators. Hosted by UM-Ann Arbor Children's Center, UM-Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center, Stamps School of Art and Design, and the James and Anne Duderstadt Center, and ACT, ***The Wonder of Learning - The Hundred Languages of Children*** exhibition is in Ann Arbor. Given past experiences in other communities, we expect 5,000 – 7,000 visitors from Michigan and our surrounding states/provinces.

Carolyn Black

Presented "The Dance of Science, a Choreography of Dualities" Roundtable at American Educational Research Association in San Antonio, April 27 with Becky Valls and Dr. Mimi Lee, University of Houston.

Send your news and events for the July issue! cfblack@uh.edu

Thanks to Jennifer, Beth, Meir, Cris and SeongBock
for your May and June news!